



Auxiliary to the Women's & Children's Crisis Shelter

SHELTER'S RIGHT HAND

Shelter's Right Hand serves as the non-profit auxiliary of the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, Inc., which provides emergency and support services to victims of domestic violence and their children, by seeking funds and contributions for it, by rendering service to it, and by fostering interest in and support for it.

Founded in 1981, Shelter's Right Hand raises funds from its annual benefit, the "Stepping Out Against Domestic Violence" 5K Walk, the Shelter's Right Hand Thrift Shop and Boutique, an annual support campaign, and contributions. With the commitment of over 60 active volunteers, Shelter's Right Hand has contributed over \$2.7 million in support of the programs and operations of the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter. Shelter's Right Hand also raises awareness about the critical issue of domestic violence and the need for community engagement.

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S CRISIS SHELTER, INC.

HISTORY: The Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, Inc. (WCCS) is a non-profit organization that provides emergency and support services to victims and survivors of domestic violence. Since its beginning in 1977, WCCS has provided a haven to families fleeing domestic violence, who seek safety, shelter, and hope. The primary target population is poverty or low-income clients from SPA 7 of Los Angeles County.

GOALS: The primary purpose of WCCS is to meet the urgent needs of abused women or men and their children who require protection and assistance.

OBJECTIVES: The objectives are to provide an emergency shelter program, a transitional program and outreach services; to provide information to survivors; to help dependent victims realize healing and self-sufficiency through action; and to increase community awareness regarding the issues and problems of domestic violence.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY PROGRAM: The following services are provided by WCCS free of charge:

- **24 Hour Crisis Hotline- Bilingual English/Spanish**
- **30-45 Day Emergency Shelter Program**
 - Basic Needs: Nutritional Meals, Clothing, Hygiene, Toys, etc.
 - Case Manager will assist with creating plan to assist with self sufficiency
 - Client Advocacy to assist with the follow needs: legal, financial, medical and housing
 - Transportation and Accompaniments
 - Crisis Intervention and Peer Support
 - Domestic Violence Support Group, Parenting Classes & Life Skills workshops
 - Individual counseling for adults and children
 - Children's Program includes: Childcare and recreational activities, Children's Support Groups and Art Healing Workshops, Case Manager creates plan to help with behavior needs and social emotional development wellness. Also, onsite school for K-8 and Teens assisted with independent study.

- **Transitional Housing- Up to 9-month program**
 - Case Manager will assist with creating plan to assist with self sufficiency
 - Client Advocacy to assist with the follow needs: legal, financial, medical and housing
 - Crisis Intervention and Peer Support
 - Domestic Violence Support Group
- **Outreach Domestic Violence Services**
 - Community educational workshops on domestic violence for groups such as parents, students, professionals, social workers, etc.
 - Case Manager will assist with creating plan to assist with self sufficiency
 - Client Advocacy to assist with the follow needs: legal, financial, medical and housing
 - Crisis Intervention and Peer Support
 - Domestic Violence Support Group & Life Skills workshops

ELIGIBILITY BY PROGRAM:

24 Hour Crisis Hotline- Bilingual English/Spanish- Any victim of domestic violence who needs assistance or anyone trying to help a victim of domestic violence.

30-45 Day Emergency Shelter Program: Victims of domestic violence, women or men, who are 18 years of age and their children who are in danger and need to flee to shelter are eligible to participate. Legally independent minors with children are also accepted. Entrance into the shelter will also depend on space availability.

Transitional Housing- Up to 9-month program: Victims of domestic violence that have gone through our emergency shelter program. Must apply while in our shelter and space permitting.

Outreach Domestic Violence Services: Victims of domestic violence, women or men, who are 18 years of age. Legally independent minor also accepted. Must live in SPA 7.